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**Subject:** Re: groundwater investigation in Dimock

Hi Bridget,

Here's our response to your inquiry. -- Terri

We are all working together on the Agency's efforts to better understand the situation in Dimock. We're evaluating next steps including sampling some of the residences' well water. Any decisions made should be regarded as Agency decisions.

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Subject: groundwater investigation in Dimock

Hi, Terri,

I wanted you let you know I'm working on a story about EPA's involvement in Dimock. Industry and DEP folks seem to be saying that there are communication issues between EPA Headquarters and Region III over whether or not EPA involvement is needed, particularly outlined in the confusion over whether or not the agency would provide drinking water to Dimock residents, and in the email from Helen DuTeau to Dimock residents leaked by the industry group EID. I've listed my questions below, but I'd really like to speak with someone at Region III on this. It can be totally on background, I'm just trying to get an understanding of whether the region and HQ are on the same page on this.

What is Region III's understanding of the authority to conduct the survey and do additional testing in

Dimock?

Are there any recent communications between headquarters and Region III you can share on this?  
What is EPA's response to the industry allegations that Region III is acting independently in the Dimock investigation without HQ support?

How will the survey being conducted and other parts of the dimock investigation integrate into the larger Congressionally directed two year study on fracturing that ORD and the water office are doing, since Dimock is one of the case studies?

My deadline is 4:30 p.m. today. Any insight you might be able to give would be really helpful.

Many thanks,  
Bridget

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